

Common Natural Enemies



Lady beetles

Commonly predaceous as adults and larva. The adults also feed on pollen, nectar, and aphid honeydew





Soldier beetles / Ground beetles

Adults consume grasshopper eggs, aphids, caterpillars and other soft bodied insects. Adults also may feed on pollen and nectar.





Lacewings (Brown and green)

Adults and larvae are predaceous. The adults also feed on pollen, nectar, and aphid honeydew







Assassin bugs / Damsel Bugs

Predators as adults and larvae, feeding on aphids, caterpillars, and other pests.





Parasitic wasps

Some adults are predaceous, but most feed on pollen and nectar. Eggs are laid and larvae develop in or on host





Yellow jackets, hornets, and wasps

Primarily predaceous, may feed on nectar





Minute pirate bug

Both immature adults and larvae feed on a variety of small prey including thrips, spider mites, insect eggs, aphids, and small caterpillars





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Hoverflies

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Common Crop Pollinators



Honey bees

The most commonly domesticated bee. Often used in fruit production for their pollination services.





Mason bees and leaf-cutter bees Names reflect the materials nest cells are

materials nest cells are made from - soil or leaves. Efficient pollinators that carry pollen on ventral side of abdomen.





Bumble bees

A common native bee efficient at pollinating flowers.

Domesticated bumblebees are also available for pollination services.





Blue orchard bee

A stingerless mason bee, commonly domesticated for fruit pollination.





Yellow-faced bees and Cellophane bees

Small, dark colored bees. Commonly nest in the ground or in other natural cavities. Cellophane bees line nests with a thin transparent film





Mining bees

Small to moderate-sized, solitary, and nest in the + ground.





Sweat bees

Small, dark colored and sometimes metallic. Either nest in the ground or in wood.





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